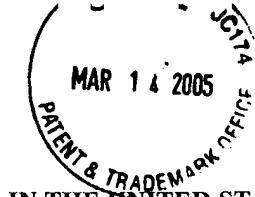


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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Takayuki URATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9745
Application No.: 09/608,169 : Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: June 30, 2000 : Examiner: M.A. PATTERSON

For: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, HOT INSULATING DEVICE USING VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, AND ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 59 | 64 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 10 | 9 | 1 | \$200.00 = | \$200.00 |
| Multiple claims newly presented | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Fee for extension of time | | | | | \$0.00 |
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| Total of Above Calculations | | | | | \$200.00 |

- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$200.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Sir:

In response to Office Action dated December 13, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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